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VA, IT'S ME, THE MAN YOU FOUND IN THE LIBRARY WAS BURR -- V WE KILLED HIM AND SHAVED OFF HIS BEARD, THEN I MADE UP TO LOOK LIKE HIM-WE HAD TO KILL THE OTHERS --THEY KNEW TOO MUCH!

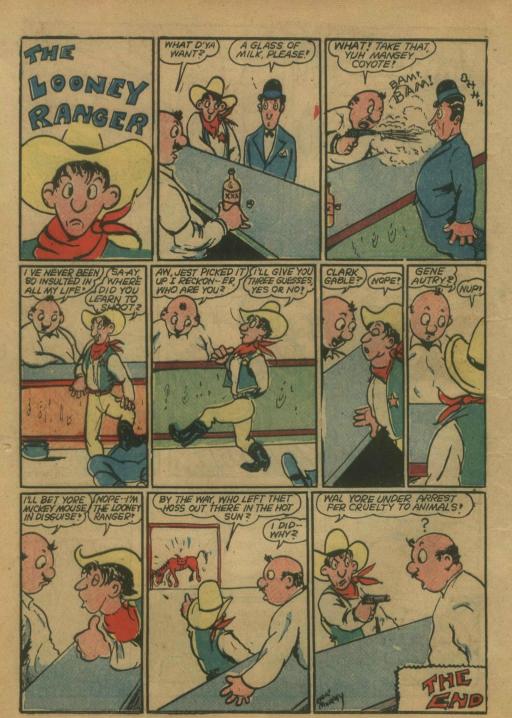
> QUICKLY TIEING UP THE NAZI AGENTS, THE BLUE BEETLE THEN STARTS TOWARD THE DOOR!

BYE MIKE -- SO LONG, JOAN, AS YOU KNOW, IT'S TIME FOR ME

TO BE LEAVING!

TWO MINUTES LATER!
HELLO MIKE-HIYA, JOAN,
SAY, WHAT GOES ON HERE
IY'VE BEEN LOOKING HIGH
AND LOW FOR YOU TWO







BLUBEFILE



































Night covered the city with a brooding, mysterious mantle of silence as the Blue Beetle returned from a mission of justice. Silent as the shadows, he raced across the roof-tops but halted suddenly at the sound of heavy, footsteps in the street below. Looking down he perceived a patrolman walking hurriedly toward the police station on the corner.

"Well, if it isn't Mike Mannigan," he grinned.
"I'll bet he's as mad as a hornet because he has
to report for the late shift tonight. Gosh that
reminds me, I have to report in ten minutes,
myself!"

Reaching the end of the roof, he climbed quietly down a fire escape and slipped through the window of his room. Then he snapped on the light and removed his policeman's uniform from the closet. In a few minutes the Blue Beetle had resumed his natural guise of Dan

Garret, member of the city's finest

When Dan entered the station house, Mike Mannigan was amusing the other officers with his usual tall tales of romance and adventure. One could hardly call Mannigan a modest soul, for he had an unbreakable habit of alluding to himself as a veritable one-man police force; but everyone agreed that Mike had a heart of gold.

As Dan joined the circle of policemen, Mike was recounting his latest encounter with the Blue Beetle.

"Tis a pity none of ye boys have never seen the Blue Beetle," he began. "Why, he's a lad six-foot-two with shoulders as broad as the side of a barn. And he can foisht, too, only Mrs. Mannigan's husband is a match fer him, you can bet. Why, only the other night I

came within that much of catching the spal-

"Aw, you're always making excuses," grinned Dan Garret in a deliberate attempt to infuriate his Celtic side-kick. "You've been after the Blue Beetle for years and you have'nt caught him yet!"

"Oh, I haven't, haven't I!" thundered Mannigan. "Well, it's the truth—I haven't. And I'll let ye in on a secret. Somehow, I'd hate to capture the laddybuck — because, the day I get the Blue Beetle all the excitement will be gone from this city and I'll have to walk me beat with nothin' to do but swing me stick!"

"The Blue Beetle must be a tricky devil," interposed another officer.

PTricky!" bellowed Mike. "Why, ye don't know the half of it. And strong! Say, he's as strong as an ox. Why he'd whip Shawn The Bullock with his hands behind his back!"

"Who in the world is Shawn The Bullock?" - laughed Dan Garret."

"What!" roared Mike. "Ye mean to stand there with a look of innocence on yer face and tell me that ye never heard of Shawn The Bullock? Well, I met him and I seen him with me own two eyes.

."When I was a young lad—that was before I came to this country—me father sent me into the mountains o' Mourne to invite Shawn. The Bullock to dinner at our house on the following Sunday as Shawn was a distant relation o' mine on me mother's side.

"Well," I started out roight after breakfast and walked all day, climbin' higher and higher into the mountains. Just before sundown I came upon a man standin' in a patch o' woods near the side o' the road. He was a big, giant of a bucko, about seven foot tall, and ye know what he wuz doin? He was pickin' up trees be the roots and flingin' 'em out onto the road.

fer, I sez to meself, and I walked over to

where he was standin'. 'Are you Shawn The Bullock?' I sez. 'Indeed no,' sez he. 'Shawn The Bullock lives a mile further up the road.'

"So, I started up the road and had walked about half a mile when I see another giant of a man, about eight feet tall, swingin' a cow be the tail around his head with one hand. Well, I walked up to him and I sez: 'Are you Shawn The Bullock?' 'Oh, no,' sez he, laughin' loike a fool. 'The man yer lookin' fer lives on the other side o' that big hill.'

"I started out again and climbed the big hill and then I spyed Shawn The Bullock, himself. There he was, a man nine foot tall and built like a mountain. And do you know what he did. He put his two hands under his feet and lifted himself straight up in the air. And if ye think that isn't a feat of strength, try it yerself sometime!"

Mike's audience broke out into a gale of laughter.

"Do you expect us to believe that cock-andbull story?" jeered Sergeant Grant.

"It's the truth, s'help me!" protested Mike with an expression of childlike innogence.

Dan Garret looked at his watch and whistled in astonishment.

"Come on, Mike," he urged. "It's two-fifteen. We're supposed to be covering our beat!"

Dan and Mike left the station house a few seconds later and sauntered easily up the street.

"You believe my story, don't ye Dan?"

"Sure I do," replied Officer Garret.

"Ye know, there's only one other man in the world who could do a trick like that," continued Mike,"—and that's the Blue Beetle. Begorra, I'd give a million dollars to know who he is!"

Dan smiled. Mike Mannigan had patrolled his beat for years in the company of Officer Dan Garret and never even suspected that his partner was the Blue Beetle.

























AT THE DOOR OF A HOUSE IN THE OUT.





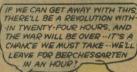
























































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SEE ALL WE HAVE

























































































THE FRAIL RIBBON BEGINS



-- SPLITTING, A PIECE OF PAPER FALLS TO THE FLOOR--!





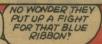








OKAY, FELLAS, THANKS TO YOU, WE'VE NABBED THESE MUGS WITH THE GOODS--THEY'RE SPIES, AND HAVE BEEN USING THE PET SHOW RACKET TO SMUGGLE ORDERS INTO THIS COUNTRY!





AND I WOULD HAVE WON THE CONTEST IF IT WASN'T A FAKE, CRAWK!

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The Laugh Trio, Appear in
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